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SUBJECT: DRAFT MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING FOR TECHNICAL
COOPERATION IN THE EARTH SCIENCES.

REF: STATE 110831: TIMMINS-WILKINSON TELCON

1. FOLLOWING IS ENGLISH TEXT OF DRAFT MOU WHICH REINEMUND
WILL BE CARRYING FOR REVIEW WITH GOM:

ARTICLE 1. SCOPE AND OBJECTIVES OF AGREEMENT:

A. IN ORDER TO PROVIDE A MECHANISM FOR TECHNICAL COOPERA-
TION IN THE EARTH SCIENCES, THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE,
INDUSTRY, MINES, AND MERCHANT MARINE, KINGDOM OF MOROCCO
(HEREINAFTER REFERRED TO AS THE MINISTRY), AND THE U.S.
GEOLOGICAL SURVEY OF THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES (HEREINAFTER REFERRED TO AS
THE USGS), HAVE AGREED TO PROCEDURES FOR COOPERATION AS
DEFINED IN THIS MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (HEREINAFTER
REFERRED TO AS MEMORANDUM).

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B. THE PURPOSE OF THE PROPOSED COOPERATION IS TO EXCHANGE
TECHNICAL KNOWLEDGE AND TO AUGMENT THE TECHNICAL CAPABILI-
TIES OF BOTH PARTIES. THE COOPERATION IS EXPECTED TO

INCLUDE EXCHANGES OF INFORMATION AND EXPERTISE, AND JOINT
STUDIES OF GEOLOGICAL PHENOMENA AND EARTH RESOURCES OF

MUTUAL INTEREST. FOR COOPERATION REQUESTED BY THE MINISTRY THAT EXTENDS INTO SUBJECTS OUTSIDE THE SCOPE OF THE USGS, THE USGS MAY, WITH THE CONCURRENCE OF THE MINISTRY, AND WHEN COMPATIBLE WITH EXISTING U.S. LAWS, EXECUTIVE ORDERS, REGULATIONS AND POLICIES, ENDEAVOR TO ENLIST THE PARTICIPATION OF OTHER U.S. ORGANIZATIONS.

C. THE ACTIVITIES CARRIED OUT UNDER THIS MEMORANDUM WILL DEPEND ON THE FUNDS AND MANPOWER AVAILABLE TO THE MINISTRY AND SUBJECT TO THE AVAILABILITY OF MANPOWER AND THE APPROPRIATED FUNDS OF USGS.

2. ARTICLE II. COOPERATIVE ACTIVITIES:

A. COOPERATIVE ACTIVITIES UNDER THIS MEMORANDUM MAY CONSIST OF EXCHANGES OF TECHNICAL INFORMATION, AND EXCHANGE VISITS BY SCIENTISTS OF THE TWO PARTIES ENGAGED IN RESEARCH PROJECTS OF MUTUAL INTEREST WITHIN THE SCOPE OF REGULARLY AUTHORIZED AND FUNDED PROGRAMS OF THE MINISTRY AND THE USGS.

B. SUCH ACTIVITIES MAY INCLUDE, BUT ARE NOT LIMITED TO, SUCH AREAS OF MUTUAL INTEREST AS: REMOTE-SENSING APPLICATIONS FOR GEOLOGIC MAPPING AND MINERAL RESOURCE STUDIES, GEOPHYSICAL MODELING AND INTERPRETATION, MINERAL RESOURCE ANALYSIS AND DATA SYSTEMS, SEDIMENTARY BASIN STUDIES FOR THE ASSESSMENT OF RESOURCE POTENTIAL; PREPARATION OF A PALEOGEOGRAPHIC ATLAS WITH INTERPRETATIONS; MINERAL RESOURCES EXPLORATION; GEOLOGIC INVESTIGATIONS OF CONTINENTAL SHELF AREAS; AND CONSULTATION IN REGARD TO LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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LABORATORY EQUIPMENT AND PLANNING.

3. ARTICLE III. SOURCES OF FINANCIAL SUPPORT:

A. THE COOPERATION ENVISAGED UNDER THIS MEMORANDUM WILL BE BASED ON FINANCIAL SUPPORT AVAILABLE TO THE TWO PARTIES, AND EACH PARTY WILL COVER ITS OWN COSTS EXCEPT IN CASES WHERE SPECIAL FINANCING BECOMES AVAILABLE FOR SELECTED ACTIVITIES OF MUTUAL INTEREST. IN SUCH CASES, THE TERMS OF FINANCING WILL BE AGREED UPON BY BOTH PARTIES BEFORE THE BEGINNING OF ACTIVITIES.

4. ARTICLE IV. REPORTS, DOCUMENTS, AND RELEASE OF INFORMATION:

A. REPORTS OF COOPERATIVE ACTIVITIES UNDERTAKEN UNDER THIS MEMORANDUM MAY BE PUBLISHED AND DISSEMINATED IN A MANNER MUTUALLY ACCEPTABLE TO THE MINISTRY AND THE USGS CONSISTENT WITH THE APPLICABLE LAWS AND REGULATIONS OF THE

PARTIES.

5. ARTICLE V. REPRESENTATION:

A. IT IS ANTICIPATED THAT REPRESENTATIVES OF THE TWO PARTIES WILL, AT MUTUALLY AGREED INTERVALS, REVIEW THE PROGRESS OF ACTIVITIES CONDUCTED UNDER THIS MEMORANDUM AND MAKE PLANS FOR FUTURE ACTIVITIES.

6. ARTICLE VI. WARRANTY:

A. BOTH THE UNITED STATES AND THE KINGDOM OF MOROCCO DISCLAIM ANY WARRANTY THAT INFORMATION PROVIDED UNDER THIS AGREEMENT IS SUITABLE FOR ANY PARTICULAR USE.

7. ARTICLE VII. ENTRY INTO FORCE AND TERMINATION:

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A. THIS MEMORANDUM SHALL ENTER INTO FORCE ON THE DATE OF FINAL SIGNATURE OF BOTH PARTIES AND REMAIN IN FORCE FOR FIVE (5) YEARS, UNLESS EXTENDED BY MUTUAL AGREEMENT. THIS MEMORANDUM MAY BE TERMINATED AT ANY TIME UPON NINETY (90) DAYS WRITTEN NOTICE OF TERMINATION TO THE OTHER PARTY.

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